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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$180,000 GRANT FOR WESTERLY STATE AIRPORT

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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$180,000 grant to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. This funding, through the Federal Aviation Administration, will be used to repave Runway 7-25 and Taxiway A at the Westerly Airport – both of which show signs of deterioration. Under this grant, final plans and specifications for the design of the reconstruction of Runway 7-25 and partial Taxiway A will be developed.

"I am confident that the Rhode Island Airport Corporation will put these funds to good use in order to improve air travel for passengers using our state airport in Westerly," Senator Chafee said.

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